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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately convey the heartache felt at
2 the loss of U.S. Marine First Lieutenant Matthew R. Vandegrift, who
3 died on April 21, 2008, at the age of 28, while bravely serving his
4 country; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment,
6 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant
7 Vandegrift was killed during combat operations in Basra, Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, A former resident of the Steiner Ranch community in
9 Austin, he attended Leander High School, where he was a member of
10 the football team; he went on to earn his bachelor's degree from
11 Texas A&M University and was later commissioned through Officer
12 Candidate School; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt to our nation's
14 servicemen and servicewomen, whose courageous efforts and enormous
15 sacrifices are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest respect
16 and gratitude; and

17 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
18 forces, Matt Vandegrift inspired others with his fortitude,
19 tenacity, and courage; although his death has left a void in the
20 lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this
21 heroic young man close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lieutenant Matthew R.
24 Vandegrift and extend sincerest sympathy to all those who mourn his

1 passing; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Matt
5 Vandegrift.